

REMARKS

The election of Group I is affirmed.

Claims 3 and 4 were rejected, under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Reconsideration is requested in view of this amendment.

Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to delete the term “20~40%”. Since this amendment removes the basis for the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, it is requested that this ground of rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Rogers et al. (Rogers) in view of Kotake et al. (Kotake).

Reconsideration is requested.

The Rogers patent discloses a method of manufacturing an organic electroluminescent display element. The method utilizes a UV curable resin seal to bond the seal cap to seal the electroluminescent elements. There is no mention in the Rogers patent of including an electronic circuit in the cap. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended to positively recite that the electronic circuit is provided on the top of the transparent cap. The basis for this amendment is found in the original specification at page 8, lines 13-15.

The Kotake reference discloses that an electronic circuit may be provided in a cap but not on a cap as pointed out in amended claims 1 and 5. Kotake discloses that the circuit is placed within the cap for the purpose of solve humidity problems which cause migration. It is not obvious to place the circuit in a position where it would potentially lose the benefit of humidity resistance that are taught by Kotake as the reason for placing the electronic circuit within the cap. For these reasons, it is requested that this ground of rejection be withdrawn.

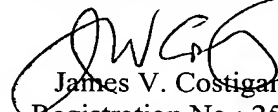
Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Rogers in view of Kotake and Onitsuka et al. (Onitsuka).

Reconsideration is requested.

The Rogers and Kotake patent have been distinguished from the present invention above. Onisuka uses a UV curable epoxy resin to bond the caps to the surface of the electroluminescent device by shining the UV light through the UV transparent seal glass. However, there is no teaching in Onisuka which suggests placing of the electronic circuit on the top of the cap as pointed out in amended claim 1. For these reasons, it is requested that this ground of rejection be withdrawn.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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